Strengthening of the primary health care network

4814. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned "Health for all" as a goal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the allocation made for the public health system and the expansion and strengthening of the primary health care network during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) "Health for all" continues to be the overall objective of Government's health policy and has not been abandoned. The National Health Policy—2002 also attempts to maximize the broad-based availability of health services to the citizens of this country.

(c) The plan allocation made for Public Health System and expansion and strengthening of Primary Health Infrastructure for 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Public Health System	Expansion and Strengthening of Primary Health Infrastructure
1999-2000	1216.13	9.67
2000-2001	1400.00	435.43
2001-2002	1570.00	440.01

Drug addiction among children

†4815. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing incidents of drug-addiction among children in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect these innocent children from getting addicted?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Based on information received from de-addiction treatment, Rehabilitation, Drug Awareness, Counselling and Assistance Centres it has been estimated that 15.39 per cent of the addicts fall within the age group of 12 to 23 years during 1999-2000. However, no national level survey has been conducted so far. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has initiated a National Survey to assess the extent, trend and pattern of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the country covering all age groups.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is maintaining 459 NGO run centres (90 counselling centres & 369 Treatment-cum-Rehabilitation centres) all over the country. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is maintaining 114 detoxification oriented drug de-addiction centres in the country. These centres provide outdoor treatment and counselling as well as admit patients, if necessary, for indoor treatment.

National Family Planning Programme

4816. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Family Planning Programme was initiated by Government way back in 1951 but the continuously rising population has made a mockery of this programme;

(b) if so, the reasons that have been put forward by the authorities for rising population of the country; and

(c) whether Government are considering to bring any changes in regard to family planning programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) It is incorrect to say that the policies and programmes have been ineffective to check pupulation growth. The decadal growth rate of pupulation in the country rose from 13.31 per cent in 1951 to 21.64 per cent in 1961, and reached all time high of 24.80 per cent in 1971. After 1971, the average exponential growth rate of pupulation began declining as follows:

1981	—	24.66%
1991	—	23.86%
2001	—	21.34%